

Group IV, claims 15 and 16, drawn to a process of forming a porous film.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-5.

Applicants submit that Groups I and II should be rejoined as Group I is directed to the polymer and Group II is directed to the process of making the polymer of Group I. Clearly, the subject matter of Group I is sufficiently linked by the specific novel polymer. Moreover, the Examiner has failed to establish that the polymer of Group I can be produced by another method that is known to those of skill in the art. As such, Applicants respectfully request that Groups I and II be rejoined and examined together in unison.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Kecia Reynolds (Reg. No. 47,021) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

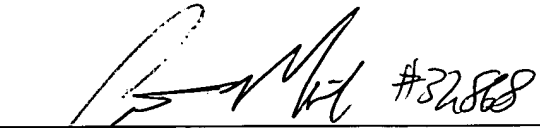
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

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required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

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